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Applicant: GIKAWA, Tokuju Conf.: 2676
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated December 4, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A photothermographic material comprising a photosensitive silver halide, a non-photosensitive silver salt of an organic acid, a reducing agent for silver ions and a binder on one surface of a support, wherein the material comprises at least one compound satisfying (iv) and at least one of (i) to (iii) below and an organic gold compound, and the photosensitive silver halide has a mean grain size of 0.12 μm or less: